

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Status of the claims

With entry of this Amendment, claim 47 is amended and claim 48 is canceled.

Claims 34, 38-39, 47, and 49-52 are pending.

No new matter is added.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

In spite of a previous acknowledgment that the claims were allowable, the Examiner has now argued that claims 47 and 51-52 do not meet the enablement or written description requirements. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

While Applicants strongly dispute the rejection (especially in view of the previous allowance), Applicants have amended the claims to expedite prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the canceled subject matter in a continuation application.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

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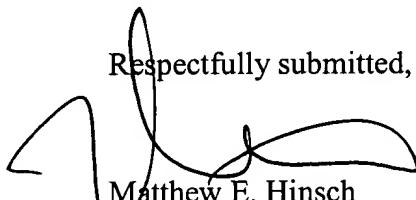
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,


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